

REMARKS

The present invention relates to a curable composition.

In the Office Action dated February 16, 2011, it first appreciated that the Examiner indicated that claims 25 and 26 were merely objected to, and were recognized as containing allowable subject matter in view of the Examiner's recognition that there is nothing in the '302 reference that would suggest such a composition as claimed in the absence of any vinyl polymer. However, pending claims 1 - 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 16 - 18, and 20 were rejected again under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or alternatively under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), based on JP 2003-313302, and the Examiner noted that the previous arguments with respect to unexpected results and improvements could not be used to overcome the anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

In this Amendment, claim 25 has been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 26 has been incorporated into claim 2. Accordingly, claims 25 and 26 have been canceled. Claim 2 has also been amended to correct a minor typographical error.

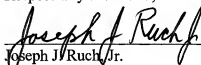
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claims 1 and 2, and claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 22, 23, 26 - 18, and 20, which depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 or claim 2, are all in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby earnestly solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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